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5. [] Called John Lehman, of Dr. Kissinger's staff, to see what the White House attitude was on the Ervin inquiry. Lehman said that Fred Fielding and John Deane, of the White House staff, were handling this and he would have Fielding call me. Lehman recalled that the question of executive agreements had come up previously in connection with the Cooper bill which the community representatives, in the LIG meeting, had strongly opposed. He said he understood that the State Department was preparing a reply to Senator Ervin in behalf of all executive agencies, and asked whether I agreed on this solution. I said not unless I knew what State was going to say. Lehman said he would send us a draft and we could rewrite it as we saw fit. He said if there were any differences after that with the agencies, we should meet with John Deane. He added that the White House was particularly concerned to protect any intelligence agreements from congressional probing. I asked him if this meant he would invoke executive privilege if this is necessary. He said yes.

Lehman then brought up the question of the Cooper bill on making intelligence information available to Congress. I suggested he review the transcript of the hearings with Pete Scoville and Chet Cooper last week. In response to his question I said I thought the bill would be reported out by Foreign Relations but possibly held up by Armed Services which also had a slice of it. I added I thought it might run into opposition in the House. Lehman asked what they should be doing and I suggested some discreet lobbying, emphasizing the importance of keeping intelligence material from becoming the subject of political controversy. He said Kissinger had seen Stennis last week and hoped to keep in closer touch with Stennis in the future. He said he would try to get Kissinger to raise this question with Stennis at the first opportunity.

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6. [] Received a call from Mr. Loring Wagner, Laos Desk, AID, who expressed an interest in meeting with us to go over testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee concerning []

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[] Later in the day, however, he canceled his request saying that Mr. Levine of his office had gotten the necessary information from [] DDP.

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7. [] Delivered several brochures about the Agency to Margie Kreppel, on the staff of Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.), for her to use in responding to a constituent's inquiry.

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8. [] Spoke with Martin Wolf, Press Secretary to Senator Mike Gravel (D., Alaska), who asked that we continue to send the Senator the [] until further notice. Arrangements were made [] to initiate subscriptions []

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